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PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1914.

# SHELLS FOES ON SEACOAST

Warships, Co-operating With Land Forces in New Drive Toward Ostend, Open Furious Fire Upon German

Trenches.

Belgians Gain Ground Along Yser, Beating Invaders Back From Entrenched Points on Left Bank. French Win Further Advantage in Fighting South of Ypres.

Violent bombardment of Westende by British warships seeking to drive back its German occupants was, reported today in the official communique of the French War Office. The statement indicated the greatest activity yesterday in the western war zone. It was asserted that the Belgian troops had repulsed a counter attack by the Germans and had occupied farms along the left bank of

In the region of Arras, along the Aisne and in the Champagne district artillery duels were continuously in progress, the French obtaining an advantage at several points.

In the Woevre region the French are declared to have repulsed several

Berlin officially reports that the Allies' advance east from Nieuport was repulsed and 450 French were taken prisoners.

Fierce fighting has developed at Lowicz, where the Germans, reinforced, have renewed determinedly their forward movement on Warsaw. Hot assaults are being made on the Russian centre, but according to Petrograd official reports without the gain of any advantage.

Berlin has admitted retreat of the force moving on Warsaw from the Concluded on Page Four

#### THE WEATHER



ones finding any thing pleasant about the present brand of winter weather. Those of this type who live in Frankford got quite enough with the mercury at zero, but the rest of the city shivered about its furnaces this morning under an official temperature of 13 degrees. Somehow it never gets as cold on top of the Postoffice, where the official thermometer is located, as in the streets. The weather man is not taking any changes and confiner himself to predicting for today Washington had a little bit to say yes terday about tomorrow and the schedulis for warmer weather.

A few degrees make little difference.

#### FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity-Fair and continued cald today. Moderate northwest wind. For details, see page 2.

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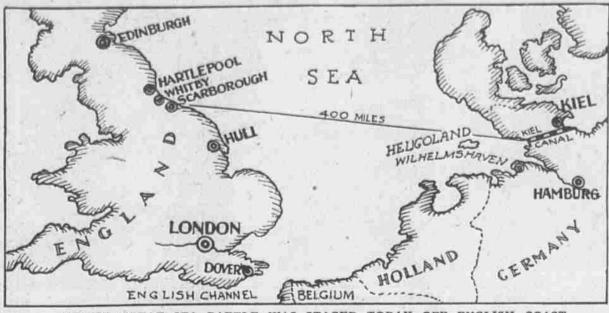
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# WARSHIPS STRIKE GERMAN RAIDERS TO AVENGE DARING DASH ON EAST COAST



WHERE GREAT SEA BATTLE WAS STAGED TODAY OFF ENGLISH COAST Points under attack by German warships today are about 400 miles in a straight line from Kiel. Hartlepool is about 225 miles north of London and 40 miles from Scarborough. Whitby, also reported attacked, is about halfway between these two cities. Hartlepool has about 30,000 people, West Hartlepool 75,000 and Whitby about 20,000.

#### OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

In Belgium, Westende (northeast of Lombaerizyde), has been violently bombarded by the British fleet. The Belgian army has repulsed a counter attack on St. George's, and has occupied the embankments on the left wide of the Year.

cupied the embankments on the left side of the Yser.

Our troops, who had already gained ground in the direction of Kieln Zillibake, have also progressed, but less appreciably, in the region of St. Eloi. In the region of Arras, in that of the Alsne and in the Champagne district there have been artillery engagements, in which we have gained the advantage of different points. In the Woevre region we have repulsed numerous German attacks in the Forest of Montmartre, and have kept control of the trenches captured.

In Alsace we have repulsed an at-In Alsace we have repulsed an at-tack to the west of Carnay.

RUSSIAN. In the Miawa region our action continues, and the success gained by our troops has been maintained. On the left bank of the Vistula

large forces of the enemy are con large forces of the enemy are con-centrating. In the area adjacent to the river near llow, the presence of several new bodies of the enemy which have just reached our front has been disclosed.

Since the morning of December 14 there has been fierce fighting between Lowicz, the Vistula, and the left bank of the Ezura, and both sides have been alternately on the offensive and defensive. Our troops, however.

and defensive. Our troops, however, have been able to make some

fighting in the other regions along the whole stretch of the front has been less intense. A marked weakening of the enemy between Czenstochowa and Cracow is reported, and in that region the Ger-mans are completing their movements by railway toward the passes of the Carpathlans. In western Galicia the battle is

developing. AUSTRIAN. In western Galicia our troops, after advancing to the line of Jasio and Rajbrot, continued to press on. In addition to the 31,000 Russians

taken up to December 14 we have cap-tured 7000 more, together with 15 guns, In western Galicia. In the Carpathians we are pursuing

the Russian fragments that were un-able to retreat with the main forces. In Poland the Russians are withdrawing from their positions near Plo-

SERVIAN. All Austrian soldiers have been driven from Servia.

### Not a single enemy remains on our YOUTHS FIGHT WITH KNIVES

Passengers Afraid to Interfere and

AND PISTOL AT STATION

One Combatant Is Shot. ung man is in the Bryn Mawr Hos pital with two bullets in his body and pital with two bullets in his body and another is under arrest as the result of a knife and revolver fight at the Ardmore station of the Pennsylvania Rall-road in full view of score of Main Line residents today. The injured youth is Panifre Sulpisoio, 18 years old, of 1114 Webster street, and the boy accused of shooting him is 15-year-old Petro Rainio, also of this city.

also of this city.

Physicians found that Sulpizelo was shot in the arm and in the back, but as the revolver with which the shooting was done was only 22 calibre his confition is not serious and he is expected

to recover.

Elmer Jones, a foreman for the Bell Telephone Company, probably saved Sulplasio from further injury when he snatched the revolver away from Hainto. A third shot fired by the latter grazed Jones' shoulder, just bilatering the skin. The fight occurred at 19.15 a clock this morning Crowds of men and women watting for trains were standing on both platforms of the station at the time. Sulpiseto and Rainto both were employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in else-trification work along the Main Lane. They got into an argument, supposed to tridention work along the Main Isine. They got into an argument, supposed to have been over the war in Europe.

After talking for 15 minutes both boys drew knives and rushed at each other. They was so well matched however, that neither was able to do any damage. Passengers were afraid to interfere as the youths struggled about, and thaily the boys drew apart of their own accord. The argument was resumed and in the midst of it Rainte is accuming the midst of it Rainte is accuming afterwaying his revolver and shooting Suipieste. Politeeman King of the Lower Merion large, arrested him after sending the injured hoy to the hospital.

FUDGE BIRSHY CRITICALLY ILL The condition of Judge John L. Kinney, a the Court of Common Pleas, who is

# GEN. SCOTT GOING TO MEXICO BORDER AS COMMANDER

Chief of Staff, Personal Friend of Villa, Will Use His Influence to Stop ZERO WEATHER IN CITY, Fusillade at Naco.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- Major General Hugh L. Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army, will leave today for Naco, Ariz. to take personal charge of the altuation there. In connection with this sudden ports reached the War Department that infantry and artillery already were on the way in readiness for any orders that might be given to end the Mexican fusiilade across the border.

In a statement, Secretary Garrison declared the dispatch of General Scott was the army, was in command of the troops constituting the border matrol. Secretary Garrison issued this statement in connection with ordering Gen-

eral Scott to the border:

By reason of the personal acquaintances acquired with the different factions while he was stationed on the border, General Scott has been sent to Naco. This is done in the hope that he may be able, by reason of the knowledge and acquaintances ac-quired, to induce the warring factions on the Mexican side of the line to desist imperiling persons and property on our side. General Blias has pointed out to us the possibility of utilizing General Scott's knowledge

and experiences in this way. General Scott is a close personal friend f General Villa, as well as many other Mexican leaders and he will go to Naco, it is understood, as a sort of emissary in a final attempt to prevent conditions which, if they continue, now seem certain to result in an armed clash

#### TROOPS MOBILIZE QUICKLY IN OBEDIENCE TO ORDER

TEXAS CITY, Tex., Dec. 16.-Scarcel 12 hours after receiving Secretary Garrison's orders to move to Naco, Arisona, to reinforce the artillery and cavalry de-tachment already there, the 6th Brigade was reported early today to be "on the move." The three batteries ordered from Fort Sill, Oklahoma to the Arisona border, have also began their quick mobiling

PINCHOT CLASHES WITH SMOOT Charges Interests With Opposing De-

velopment of Water Power. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Gifford Pin-chot, author of the Rossevelt conserva-tion policies, today clashed with Senator

tion policies, today clashed with Senator Smoot, of Utah, exponent of State rights and private development (of the natural resources of the country, at the hearing before the Senate Public Lands Commission on the Ferris bill for Federal leasing of waterpower on the public domain. Finchot charged the water power interests with opposing the development of power except where they were assured a profit.

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Smoot deciared his opposition to Federal development was based solely on the belief that the States had full title to the water and that they alone should control its use

ever relards or restricts the development of water power on terms fair to the pub-lic is against public policy and heatile to the general good."

#### MOTORTRUCK HITS WAGON

Farmer Injured in Collision Near Bread and Cumberland Streets. J. S. Vanaarr, a farmer of Fert Washington, suffermi a fractured shoulder and interval tripries today when his hay wagon was aldowiped by an Acmo Tea Company menorituch near Broad and Cumberland attents. He is in the Samaritan Hospital.

#### TODAY'S HOURLY TEMPERATURE RECORD

The figures indicate temperatures on

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7 a. m 23	3 p. m 30

# WITH NO RELIEF IN SIGHT

Skating at Wyncote, and Park Lakes Are Frozen.

Zero weather in Frankford, with figures Zero weather in Frankford, with figures far below the official low mark of 13 degrees at many other points, chilled the marrow of early risers today. At 8 o'clock the mercury had gone up only a point, to li degrees, and a 12-mile wind stung the faces of pedestrians like a whip lash. No relief today can be found by the official weather forecaster in his study of the charts. The forecast for today is continued cold and fair weather. It is too early to predict for tomorrow, but indications are that there will be a general rise in temperatures.

eral rise in temperatures.

In the meantime charitable organizations have had to redouble their effort to care for the poor. Scores of families

cue to the wide acquaintance of the Chief of Staff with conditions along the without coal and sufficient clothing and frontier. General Scott, before being called on to assume virtual command of taxed to the utmost to care for them. Wyncote is the first point near this city to report ice sufficiently thick for skating. This is on the pends in the estate of John Wanamaker there. Lakes in Fair-mount Park, and other bodies of water in the outlying sections of the city are frozen over, however, and the ice is

rapidly thickening.
There should be skating tomorrow, unless there is a sudden thaw. Hundreds of calls for information as to the strength of the ice on the park lakes are being received at the park guard houses. The guards are watching the lakes to see that venturesome skaters take no risks until the ice is strong enough to bear

#### HERRICK SEES WILSON

Former Envoy Suggests Unification of Work for War Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Myron T. Herrick, former Ambassador to France, was in conference half an hour with President Wilson today on the unification of the relief work for war sufferers now eing done by American organizations "I think that this concentration of all relief work is bound to come about in the near future," he said. "It goes without saying that it is desirable and all the various organizations doing relief work are in favor of it. I talked over with the President this phase of the situation and told him my views of the

## CHASE OF DRESDEN IS ON

German Cruiser Leaves Port in Magellan Strait.

SANTIAGO, Chill, Dec. la.—An official ommunication received here from Punta that the German cruiser Dresden left there. Sunday. The communication adds that the Brit-ish cruiser Bristol arrived at Punta Arenas Monday, but left there

MEXICAN VICE CONSUL NAMED Alexander Lastra Has Been Ap pointed to Serve Here.

Alexander Lastra has been appointed vice consul of Mexico to Philadelphia. He has been in the consular service two years, formerly being a clerk in the Mexican consulate in New York. He is The consul here, L. V. Navarro, was offered the consulate at Chicago, but refused it, preferring to remain here.

LINER DOMINION A DAY LATE The American liner Dominion, from Liverpool, was reported in the capes at a o'clock this morning and will dock at the Washington avenue wharf at 5 o'clock this evening, one day tate. The ship re-ported a rough voyage across and had a strong this saminst her on the whole journey. The Dominion carries 80 steer-age and 20 cabin passengers.

Maw Fissure Near Lasson Peak Crats: REDDING, Cal., Dec. 18 -A 200-too jet of vapor is imming from a new farmer half a mile from the main cruster of largest Yeak, man farm, this being the lift or upother in the last faw months. To

# REHEARING OR OUST COMMISSION, IS CRY OF THE COMMUTERS

Attorney in Harrisburg Planning to Seek Removal of Board if Request Is Re-

Steps to bring about the removal of the members of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission unless they will grant an entire new hearing of the passenge rate increase case and offer satisfactory explanation for their course in advising the railroads in advance what their de cision was to be are being planned by Edwin M. Abbott, attorney for the com muters, in Harrisburg today.

The admission by Commissioner Emory R. Johnson yesterday that the railroads were informed what the formal decision of the commission would be a day before it was made public has given rise to a new storm of protest among the com muters. That the commission dealt unfairly with them is the opinion of all who took part in the rate fight.

Before leaving for Harrisburg this morning Mr. Abbott declared that he intended making a personal appeal to the Commission to grant a new hearing and to make full explanation of the advice given to the railroads, and not the commuters, as to what the rate decision would be. Should the Commission refuse to reopen the case steps will be taken to have the entire matter taken into the Dauphin county courts.

HOW COMMISSIONERS ARE RE-MOVED.

The removal of the Commission rests with the Governor and the Senate. Article 4, section 15 of the act creating the Commission reads: The Governor, by and with the con-

sent of the Senate, may remove any Commissioner, or any of the counsel to the Commission, for inefficiency, to the Commission, for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office, giving him a copy of the charges against him, and affording him she opportunity to be publicly heard, in person, or by counsel, in his own defense, upon not less than 10 days notice. If such Commissioner shall be removed the Governor shall file in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth a complete statement of all charges made against such Commissioner and his findings thereon, together with a complete record of the together with a complete record of the

proceedings. Should Mr. Abbott determine to press for the removal of the commissioners it is probable that he will have to do so as counsel for the Philadelphia and Reading Commuters' Association or for the Oak Lane Improvement Association, of which he is president, instead of for the which he is president, instead of for United Business Men's Association. Edward B. Martin, chairman of the Transportation Committee of the United Business Men's Association, declared this morning that it would not back Mr. Abbott in urging the removal of the com mission.
"We will first urge the commission to

grant a rehearing of the entire case," Mr. Martin said, "and then we will devote Concluded on Page Two

#### MINES EXPLODED 20 FEET FROM CUNARD LINER'S BOW

Passengers on Transylvania Tell of

Narrow Escape in Channel. NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-Two mines exploded with terrific force about 20 feet from the bow of the Cunard liner Transylvania while she was steaming through the English Channel at dawn on December 6, according to passengers aboard the liner, which arrived here today.

It was 4 o'clock, and every one on board, It was a clock, and every one on board, with the exception of the officers on watch, was asleep. A gale was raging and the Transylvania was plowing through mountainous eas. A jet of flame shot up, and then water followed, going high into the air and coming down on the deck of the liner.

Hardly had the sound of the first ex-

pleasion died away, with the Transylvania still recking like a cork, when another explosion occurred off the star-board bow of the liner. Another jet of board bow of the liner. Another jet of flame hissed from the sea and another wave of water swept over the ship.

Every passenger on the boat was thrown out of his bunk by the Brat explosion and thrown about his stateroom by the second. The passengers rushed on deek. They were in a panic, thinking that the ship had been torpedoed or that it had hit a mins. The officers calmed them.

The Transylvania carried 166 passengers including Sir Charles Allom, London's greatest architect and a member of the Prisoners of War Help Committee.

#### RESENTS TREASON CHARGE Congressman Bartholdt Denounces

Accusation He Represents Kaiser. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Himing to a question of personal privilege in the House today, Representative Bartholdt of Missouri, denounced a statement mad-in a New York newspaper that he am Representative Lobeck, Nebrasks, and Representative Vollmer, of Iowa, acted as representatives of the German Govern-

ment in the House 'Representatives Vollmer, Lobeck and myself are practically charged with high treason against the United States in that we are acting for the German Gogern man in Congress," be said. 'I am a man who is loyal to the Stars and Sprices I am for America as against England against Germany, against the world."

Albaniana Dectare War on Serba AMSTERDAM, Doc. II.—The people of the northern part of Admin. have de-ciated year against the deviable, many a lighted in the Talegroof group ConWhitby, Scarborough and Hartlepool Shelled by Cruisers in Timed Assault by Squadron Slipping Out From Base at Kiel and Running Gauntlet of Mines and British Patrol.

Two of Kaiser's Battle Craft Reported Sunk By British Fleet Following Raid and Others Driven Off As Four Destroyers Give Battle to Foes Off Hartlepool—Woman Killed at Whitby.

HARTLEPOOL, England, Dec. 16. Forty-seven persons were killed and many wounded by the German bombardment of Hartlepool today. The cannonade lasted 40 minutes. Thirty persons were killed in Hartlepool proper and 17 in the old town section. Many were wounded in West Hartlepool. Four storage gas tanks were destroyed and the city tonight is in darkness.

All infantry and artillery units in England have been called out. The

coast stations are fully manned. Several towns have been notified of the recent attacks. Inhabitants of Tynemouth were ordered to remain indoors

LONDON, Dec. 16.

LONDON, Dec. 16, German cruisers which early today bombarded the towns of Scarborough Hartlepool and Whitby, on the east coast of England, are now engaged in battle for their lives with British warships called by wireless to cut off the daring raiders and prevent their return to their home base. At Hartlepool four British destroyers immediately attacked the Kaiser's cruisers, and unofficial reports declare that they have been joined by heavier craft, and a ter-

rific battle is now being fought off that port. The cannonade is so heavy that windows have been broken 20 miles away. Fearing that the German attack may have been the prelude to an attempt to land troops on this coast, sea planes have been sent from Blyth to patrol

the Northumberland shore line and give notice of any such daring expedition. German cruisers swooping down upon the English coast today made the most daring raid of the war, bombarding the scaport cities of Hartlepool, Scarborough and Whitby,

It was the signal for decided reply by the British, and the long expected North Sea naval battle is on.

Two of the German cruisers are reported to have been sunk in the attack by British torpedo craft immediately following bombardment of the cities The Press Bureau says, however, there is no confirmation "as yet' of the report. One woman at Whitby was killed, and it is said that at least nine residents of Hartlepool were victims. The attacking cruisers approached to within three miles of Whitby, and the shelling there began between 9 and 10 o'clock this

It appears the German raid was timed to take place at several points on the coast and that a large fleet is engaged.

The historic abbey at Whitby was partly destroyed. Three churches in Scarborough were struck and set on fire, instead of one. numerous buildings were damaged, two railway station platforms destroyed, and the population thrown into a panic which resulted in a wild rush for trains from

this evening.

Great Britain's patrol fleet has engaged the German raiders at several points, the Admirally announces. The outcome of the engagement directed against the raiders had not been reported early this afternoon, but it was believed the fleet manders were about to round up tha

war is helieved in progress.

The first details of the bombardment came from Hull when refugees from Scarborough arrived there. They reported that the German vessels appeared off the coust soon after daylight. There were four of them. The bombardment of the town began at 1.58 s. m.

A statement from the War Office, supplementing an earlier announcement from the Admirally this afternoon, says:

The fortress commander at West Hartlepool reports that German war yessels engaged the fortress between 8 and 8 o'clock this morning. They were driven off. A small German vessel also opened fire on Scarber-ough and Whitby.

The report from the War Office does not agree with stories told by the refugees from Scarborough. They declare four German cruisers participated in the bom-bardment of the town. From Whitby it is

also stated two cruisers were engaged Between 40 and 50 shells fell in Hear-

Between 40 and 50 shells fell in Bearborough, the refugees said. The engals a
warships opened fire without warning.
Their first shells, feeling for the range,
landed in the section of town close to
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German gunners evidently directed their
fire and all were struck early in the
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n, but it was believed the fleet and Scarborough. This section of the ders were about to round up the British coast is directly across the North Fig. 3 from Kiel, the famous German naval

base.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hull says that one of the first German shells fired against Scarborough struck St. Martin's Church, tearing a great hele in the edifice. Another church was struik and damaged. Soon after the cannonals haven the street were died with a began the streets were filled with women and children, who had fied from their homes in their night clothing. The roofs of a number of houses were carried away

by projectiles.

The German raid is believed to have been started from Cuxhaven or Withelinshaven, the German naval bases, south of the Kiel Canal and about 310 miles from the British coast almost due east It was necessary for the German sligs to steam across the North Ses, passing through mine fields and evading the powerful British patrol fleels stationed

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#### ROOSEVELTS ON THE NAVY

Colonel Won't Testify - Ausistant Secretary Gives His Views. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Colonel Roose-vett decilned today to testify before the House Naval Committee regarding the preparedness of the United States mili-tary and naval forces. He sent Represen-

ative Hobson this telegram: Thanks for your telegram. I do not see that I can add other than what I have arain and again written, and I do not believe I would serve uny useful purpose by appearing. It does not seem to me that it would be well to take any public action in the matto take any public action in the mat-ter. I would come if I could do any good, but I do not believe it would

do any good.

Hobson withdrew a request that Bucca-Moson withfree a request that stooms well be submoned.

Assistant Seretary of the Navy Rockevelt testified today. He declared the navy's chief weakfine lay in inability to put into action in a few days its full force He said 16,000 attitional men would be required to place in commission all the warships of the navy.

State Came Board Appointments HARRISHURG Pa. Dec is -Occurred

### FIRE IN BANK BUILDING

Flames Eat Way Through Floor of Beneficial Saving Fund Society. A defective due set fire to the imilian of the Beneficial Saving Fund Society of Philadelphia, tith and Chesinut strong,

I noon today.
The flames ale their way through the floor into the office of Precident Ign J. Dohan before they were disper Fireman Carrell, who was making a spection of the building at the time phoned for a charging singles clerks of the bank, he kept the fire to control until arrival of the apparatus. The

## LOST AND FOUND